



**SALVATION  
& BAPTISM**

**GUIDE**

**COTK Kids**



# SALVATION

## GUIDE FOR PARENTS

This is an exciting time in your child's life! They're starting to ask questions about their faith.

They're wondering about God and His love for them. They may be asking a lot of questions about Jesus - some that you may struggle with yourself or some that may not have a simple answer. But that's ok. This is the beginning of a life-long conversation about faith. That's why our guide begins with John 3:16, which lays the foundation for God's plan of salvation.

Over the next few pages, we'll break the verse down, phrase by phrase, with some questions to help you start a conversation with your kids.



**Here are some things to keep in mind:**

**1. Salvation is for everyone - not just your kids!**

**2. If you have never trusted Jesus as your Savior, or you are not sure if you have, now is the perfect time! Why not make the important decision alongside your child?**

**3. Remember:**

- It's not about being good enough.
- We are not saved by praying a prayer, we are saved by putting our faith in Jesus as our Savior.
- Prayer is simply a way of expressing our trust in Jesus for all He has done on our behalf. There is no right prayer, so don't be worried about using the right words. Just focus on the heart behind the prayer.

So, what are you waiting for? It's time to take the first step across the Starting Line of faith and confess your belief in Jesus!



# GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

**Parent Read:**

## **GOD LOVED**

God loved you before you were even born. He created you in His image, and He loves you right now. But there is something that separates us from Him, something that keeps us from being with Him forever.

It's called sin. Sin is anything that we think, say or do that goes against what God would want us to think, say, or do. It keeps us from living out the story that God wants for us. On our own, we can't do anything about this. We need God to step in and help. Because God loves us, He made a way for all of us to live with Him forever.

## Ask Your Child:

### 1. What is sin?

Anything that we think, say, or do that goes against what God would want us to think, say, or do. God always loves us, but our sin hurts our relationship with Him.

### 2. What are some examples of how you have sinned?

Tip: You may need to help them identify some examples, such as lying, disobeying, stealing, and even selfish thoughts... all which also apply to adults.

### 3. What is the problem with sin?

Sin separates us from God forever.

Additional reference:

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Romans 6:23**



**Parent Read:**

## **GOD GAVE US JESUS**

God gave the most important, valuable, and perfect thing He had for us. He knew that our sin would keep us from being a part of His family. We were separated from God and we couldn't come back to Him on our own.

But because God loves us, He gave His son to fix that relationship. Jesus gave up His life on the cross to pay for our sin. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead! His resurrection defeated death and makes a relationship with God possible again. Jesus came to make a way for us to be in God's story.

**Ask Your Child:**

### **1. What did God give us?**

Jesus, to save us from our sin.

**Additional Reference:**

*God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life.*

**John 3:16 Nlr**

## 2. Why did God give this gift?

Because He loves us and wants to mend our relationship with Him.

Additional Reference:

*See what amazing love the Father has given us!  
Because of it, we are called children of God.*

[1 John 3:1 NIRV](#)

## 3. What did Jesus do for us?

He paid the price for our sins.

Additional Reference:

*But here is how God has shown His love for us.  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

[Romans 5:8 NIRV](#)



**Parent Read:**

## **WE RECEIVE ETERNITY WITH JESUS**

**Jesus Gave:** Jesus gave us the gift of salvation and the ability to spend eternity with Jesus. God says you can open His gift by believing in Jesus and asking Him to forgive you.

John 3:16 tells us that we receive eternal life when you believe in Jesus and trust Him to save you, you begin a new relationship with God that starts right away and goes on forever. Someday we will get to spend forever and ever with God in a place that He made perfect - Heaven.

## **WE BELIEVE IN JESUS**

Believing simply means to trust. It's a lot like sitting in a chair. When you sit on a chair, you put all your weight on it. You trust that it will hold you up. That's what it's like to believe in or to trusts in this gift. To open the gift that God gave you, you trust in Jesus with your whole life and rest in the fact that He died and rose again for you.



## Ask Your Child:

### 1. How do we trust in God?

We believe that He won't fail us, and that what he says is true.

Additional Reference:

*But I trust in Your faithful love. My heart is filled with joy because You will save me.*

[Psalm 13:5 NIV](#)


### 2. How do you know God loves you?

He sent Jesus to die for us.

Additional Reference:

*Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that He loved us and sent His Son to give His life to pay for our sins.*

[1 John 4:10 NIV](#)



**Ask Your Child: Are you ready to  
accept Jesus as your savior?**

**If Yes:**

You can use the following prayer with your child as you lead them to trust Jesus. There's nothing magical about this prayer; it's simply a scriptural guideline to help you get started!

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*I know I am a sinner. I know that my sins separate me from you. I believe Your Son, Jesus, died for my sins. Thank you for loving me and for giving me the gift of Jesus so I can live with you in Heaven one day. Please come into my life, forgive me of my sins, and be my Lord and Savior. I will follow you the best I know how for the rest of my life.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen.*



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# KIDS TRAIL GUIDE

## SALVATION



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“God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die, but will have eternal life.”

**John 3:16**

**1.GOD**

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**2.GOD**

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**US JESUS!**

Draw cross symbol here

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**3.WE**

# ETERNAL LIFE WITH JESUS!

Draw the gift symbol here:

## PRAYER

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I know that my sins separate me from you.  
I believe your Son, Jesus, died for my sins.  
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gift of Jesus so I can live with you in Heaven one  
day. Please come into my life, forgive me of my  
sins, and be the Lord and Savior. I will follow You  
the best I know how for the rest of my life.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

**4. WE**

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**IN JESUS!**

“Say with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord.” Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved. With your heart you believe and are made right with God. With your mouth you say what you believe. And so you are saved.”

**Romans 10:9-10**

Draw the chair symbol here:

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## **IT'S PERSONAL**

Write your name on the lines provided below, then read this verse again.

“God so loved \_\_\_\_\_

that He gave His one and only Son.

If \_\_\_\_\_ believes in Him,

\_\_\_\_\_ will not die, but will

have eternal life.”

**John 3:16**



# TRAIL GUIDE BAPTISM

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# CONGRATULATIONS!

This is the most important decision you'll ever make, and we are so happy for you!

You may now be wondering, "What's next?" The good news is that the Bible tells us that your next step is to follow Jesus' commandment to make your faith public by being baptized.

**Parents and Kids, Scan the bar code below or follow the link to watch a video on baptism that will follow this guide.**



[vimeo.com/748948468/44fbae1be5](https://vimeo.com/748948468/44fbae1be5)

**Can't watch the video? Don't worry, this guide works great without it!**



# BAPTISM

## GUIDE FOR PARENTS

We are so excited that your child is asking about baptism! It's very important to help your child understand that baptism does not forgive your sins, nor does it get you into heaven. Inviting Jesus into your life as your Forgiver, Leader, and Friend is what gives you eternal life.

This guide is designed to equip you with extra answers that will help your child better understand what baptism is all about. Use this alongside his/her Baptism Guide to help him/her grasp the meaning and importance of this spiritual step.

**Use the answer key on each page to walk your child through the Kids Trail Guide to Baptism.**

- Before your child is baptized, make sure they have first invited Jesus into their life.
- Baptism is the first step Jesus asks us to take after we invite Him into our life.

- Here's an example in the Bible of people who were baptized after they believed in Jesus:

*Those who accepted His message were baptized.*

**Acts 2:41**

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# KIDS TRAIL BAPTISM

Parents walk your child through this Guide to baptism

## WHAT BAPTISM IS NOT!

Baptism is not a way to get to \_\_\_\_\_.

*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

**John 14:6**

Baptism does not \_\_\_\_\_ you.

*God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift.*

**Ephesians 2:8**

Baptism does not mean you are any closer to God or that He \_\_\_\_\_ you any more.

*See what amazing love the Father has given us! Because of it, we are called children of God. And that's what we really are!*

**1 John 3:1**

Answers: heaven, save, loves

# WHAT BAPTISM IS!

It's a way to let everyone know that you have \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to be your Savior and that you have a relationship with Him.

*What I'm about to tell you is true. No one can see God's kingdom unless they are born again.*

**John 3:3**

**Think of it this way...**

- 1. Your birthday marks the day you were \_\_\_\_\_ born into the world.**
- 2. Taking the next step of faith and beginning your relationship with Jesus marks the day you are born into God's family. It's your \_\_\_\_\_ birthday. You're born again!**



## WHY BAPTISM IS SO IMPORTANT!

*Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River. He wanted to be baptized by John. But John tried to stop him. So he told Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you. So why do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be this way for now. It is right for us to do this. It carries out God's holy plan." Then John agreed. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened. Jesus saw the Spirit of God coming down on him like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him."*

**Matthew 3:13-17**

### REASON #1:

1. Jesus was baptized by going all the way

\_\_\_\_\_

and came all the way back up.

2. Because Jesus was baptized in water, we

\_\_\_\_\_ His example and do the same.

3. There is nothing \_\_\_\_\_ about the water.

Answers: under water, follow, special

## **REASON #2:**

- 1. Baptism is a way to identify yourself as someone who \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus and puts his trust in Him.**
- 2. If you are a Christian and believe in Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ is your way to let others know about it.**
- 3. Being baptized in water is a \_\_\_\_\_ to show others you trust Jesus as your Savior.**

## **THINK OF IT THIS WAY...**

- The water is a symbol (or picture) of what happens when we are born again.
- Going under the water is a symbol (or picture) showing our old life being washed away.
- Coming up out of the water is a symbol (or picture) showing we are starting a new life with Jesus.



## WHAT IF I WAS BAPTIZED AS A BABY?

We believe it is important for people who follow Jesus to get baptized **AFTER** they choose to believe in Jesus. We call that *Believer's Baptism*.

If you were baptized as a baby, and since then have personally accepted Jesus into your life, you can be baptized now to show everyone that you've chosen Jesus!

## WHAT HAPPENS ON MY BAPTISM DAY?

- Come to church with your family and friends.
- Wear comfy clothes that are okay to get wet.
- You'll get a new t-shirt to celebrate this special moment!
- When it's time for you to be baptized, you'll get in the water, and the person baptizing you will ask you about your relationship with Jesus and why you want to be baptized.



- Come ready with a short response about how you prayed to accept Jesus.
- Then, they'll ask you to put one hand on your nose and the other on your wrist.
- Next, the person baptizing you will follow Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19, which reads, "So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."
- You'll be baptized in God's name with these words: "I baptize you in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit," and they will dip you under the water and bring you back up.

**That's all there is to it!**



# MY NEXT STEP





If you believe you're ready for this next step of baptism, talk to your parent or guardian about getting you registered. Be ready to share why you are ready for this important step in your journey with Jesus!

**Register at [ChurchoftheKing.com/baptism](https://ChurchoftheKing.com/baptism)**





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